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United States District Court
District of New Jersey
M.L. King, Jr. Federal Building & Courthouse
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Room 2060
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: **Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc.
vs. Arthur Kupperman, et al.
Civil Action No: 06-CIV-4802 (DMC)**

Dear Judge Arleo:

Under paragraph 15 of Your Honor's July 24, 2007 Pre-Trial Scheduling Order in this case Rule 26 disclosures, and under paragraph 16 interrogatories and document requests, are due today.

With the consent of all counsel, we are writing to request an extension to Friday, August 17, 2007 to comply with those paragraphs. The reasons for this request are

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various counsels' workloads and the fact that Judge Cavanaugh issued his decision in the pending summary judgment motions late yesterday. That decision may impact the discovery.

We appreciate the Court's consideration.

Respectfully,

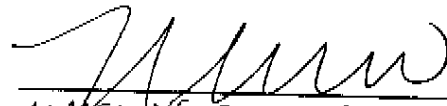

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SO ORDERED

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